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Covert mission to stop specially-bred assassins

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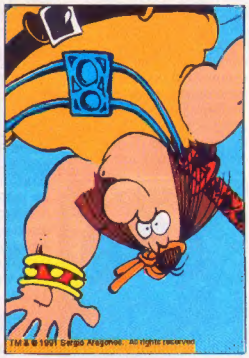

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Living without a brain

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NO SURVIVORS EXPECTED IN DEADLY CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

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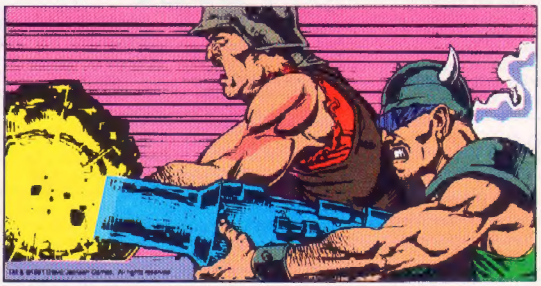

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"These Comics Are So Good, They're Required Reading!"

Titles on sale the first week of April

AVENGERS WEST COAST #71 $1.00

Thomas/Ryan/Bulanadi

Spider-Woman is back, joining the Avengers to help them defeat Dr. Demonicus and the Pacific Overlords! **Look for the Avengers West Coast team in *Excalibur* this month.**

BLACK PANTHER: PANTHER'S PREY #2 (of 4) $4.95

McGregor/Turner

The rituals of the Black Panther are revealed and T'Challa faces Solomon Prey in hand-to-hand combat. The Panther continues to find his rule undermined by a spy in Wakanda, and he faces the death of a close friend at the hands of the crack epidemic in his country.

CAPTAIN AMERICA #386 $1.00

Gruenwald/Lim/Bulanadi

Bernie is a prisoner at the Lodge, the Watchdogs' "moral rehabilitation center, which Cap must infiltrate to save her. He also has to stop the USAgent from trying to help, and the Agent won't take "no" for an answer.

DAMAGE CONTROL TRADE PAPERBACK $3.95

McDuffie/Colon/Wiacek

When the super hero vs. super villain battles wreck the dining room, or the car falls victim to the latest cosmic menace - call *Damage Control*. This trade paperback collects the very first *DC* limited series, **just in time for the *new Damage Control* series to debut, this month.**

DAREDEVIL #293 $1.00

Chichester/Weeks/Williamson

Part two of the adventure that pits DD and the Punisher against Tombstone and the Taskmaster, both of whom are trying to rack up impressive body counts.

DAREDEVIL ANNUAL #7 $2.00

THE STRUCKER GAMBIT - PART ONE

Wright/Garney

Hydra is genetically engineering deadly assassins, and three of them are loose on the streets, on a murderous spree. DD teams with Nick Fury, Agent of SHIELD, to hunt them down. **CONTINUED NEXT WEEK IN *PUNISHER ANNUAL #4*.**

DARKHAWK #4

Fingeroth/Manley $1.00

Some of the dark secrets of the Darkhawk amulet - the source of his power - are revealed as the novice hero takes on a dangerous new foe named Savage Steel.

DEATHLOK SPECIAL #2 (OF 4) $2.00

McDuffie & Wright/ Guice/Williams

New cover by Guice

Part two of the four-part limited series that introduced the *new* Deathlok cyborg. Get ready for the new, monthly ***Deathlok*** series, beginning next month.

FOOLKILLER #8 (OF 10) $1.75

Gerber/Birch/Giarrano

Foolkiller turns his guns on a different sort of fool and proclaims "The sane must inherit the Earth!"

Hero or *Nightmare?*

NEW YORK - APRIL 9: Metropolitan University student Rick Sheridan has contacted officers of the NPYD 16th Precinct claiming he is being hunted by a bizarre alien creature.

Police officials refused to comment, though no denials are being made in a city where superhuman activity is frequent.

Requirer scientific consultant Bob Budiansky voiced the view that this creature is a manifestation of Sheridan's subconscious, though no reason can be found for the creature's *physical* manifestations - often exhibiting power well off the normal scale.

None of the city's resident heroes have yet investigated, though it is considered only a matter of time until the Avengers or the X-Men look into the creature ***Sleepwalker.***

Follow-up reports will be filed monthly.

MARVEL COMICS #76 $1.25

Cover by Windsor-Smith

1) Weapon X (Part 6 of 13)

Barry Windsor-Smith

Wolverine's first field test pits him against a wild pack of wolves.

2) Shanna The She-Devil (Part 10 of 10)

G Jones/Gulacy/Martin

The dramatic conclusion and the final battle to save Shanna's friends from certain death. **Look for Shanna in this month's *Marvel Fanfare*.**

3) Sgt. Fury vs. Dracula (Part 1 of 3)

Murray/Lyle/Rubinstein

In the midst of World War II, while fighting to free the prisoners of a concentration camp, Sgt. Nick Fury and his Howling Commandos meet the Lord of the Vampires - Dracula!

4) Mr. Fantastic

Fingeroth/Jensen

Mr. Fantastic faces drug dealers in a video arcade.

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More titles on sale the first week of April

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NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER #15 $1.00

Byrne[3]
While Namor and friends go to the Savage Land to investigate corporate exploitation of the primeval paradise, Desmond Marrs makes a deadly enemy - The Punisher.

SHE-HULK #28 $1.50

Zimmerman/ Lopresti/Wilson
It's tax time and Jennifer has no money - until she signs a contact with a devilish guy..

SWEET SIXTEEN #2 (of 6) $1.00

Barbara Slate
Antony must choose who he will take to Cornelia's Sweet Sixteen party. Let's face it, there's no way he'll get out of this one alive.

UNCANNY X-MEN #277 $1.00

Claremont/Lee/Williams
The X-Men must fight alongside Deathbird to save Professor X, and to stop the Skrulls from conquering the Shi'ar Empire.

WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #77 $1.00

Kavanagh/Saviuk/Williams
Cloak and Dagger guest star as the trio face Morlocks and the tragic plight of the homeless in New York.

Titles on sale the second week of April

ALF #42 $1.00

Gallagher & Haller/ Haller & Manak/Severin
It's a cast of thousands of ALFs when a distress call from New Melmac sends ALF into space to face an army of himself in "Send in the Clones." In the process, he's reunited with Rhonda, Skip and the gang.

AKIRA #29 $3.95

Otomo with Duffy & Oliff
As Tetsuo's arm continues to mutate, the military forces begin to close-in on the New Tokyo Empire.
EPIC

ALPHA FLIGHT #97 $1.50

THE FINAL OPTION - PART 1 (OF 4)
Nicieza/Bair/Ivy
Toronto is caught in the middle of a battle between Her and alien bounty hunters, thus beginning a saga that will involve the Avengers and Galactus and leading up to the cataclysmic 100th issue.

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #348 $1.00

Michelinie/ Larsen/Emberlin
The Avengers guest-star as Spidey comes face-to-face with the fact that his old foe, the Sandman, is now a member of the super heroic team.

BARBIE #6 $1.00

Trusiani & Slate/Cool
A tale starring Barbie's golden-maned horse Sun Runner, an exciting roller-skating adventure and a valuable lesson in stereotyping.

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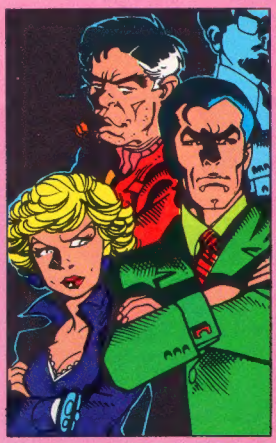
Damage Control accused of fraud



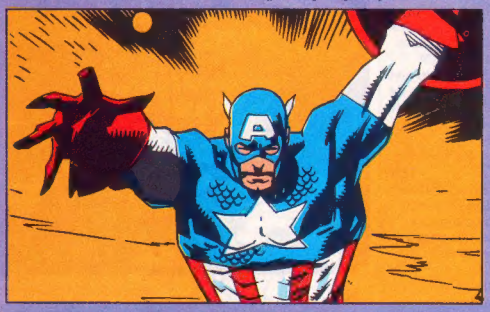
NEW YORK - APRIL 16: ***Damage Control,*** the specialists who clean-up after superhuman battles, have been accused of *causing* the damage they repair, to create demand for their exclusive services. The NYPD has begun an investigation of the controversial company.

Spider-Man, the Hulk, the New Warriors, Silver Surfer and Galactus have been enmeshed in the scandal, and will be involved in proceedings beginning in ***Damage Control III #1.*** The early history of this off-beat organization has been made public in a ***Damage Control Trade Paperback,*** on sale now.

More titles on sale the second week of April

Designer assassins loose

WASHINGTON, DC - APRIL 2: Sources inside ***SHIELD,*** the international espionage agency, revealed that the terrorist organization "HYDRA" has released three deadly genetically-developed assassins into society.



The unnamed source noted that even HYDRA considers the trio uncontrollable, and is trying to retrieve them.

SHIELD Director Col. Nick Fury has recruited the heroes *Daredevil* and *Capt. America* and the vigilante *The Punisher* for the manhunt. Further reports on this situation appear in ***Daredevil, Captain America*** and ***Punisher Annuals,*** weekly this month.

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GHOST RIDER #14
Mackie/ Texeira $1.50
It's Johnny Blaze vs. the new Ghost Rider, and one will be *badly* beaten and left near death. **This month Flame-Head guest stars in just *two* books - *Quasar #23* and *Cloak and Dagger #18*, unless you count the Ghost Rider of the 31st Century in *Guardians of the Galaxy #13*.**

GROO THE WANDERER #78
Evanier/Aragones $1.00
Someone's destroying books, and it isn't even Groo! Featuring the return of the Weaver and the Scribe. EPIC

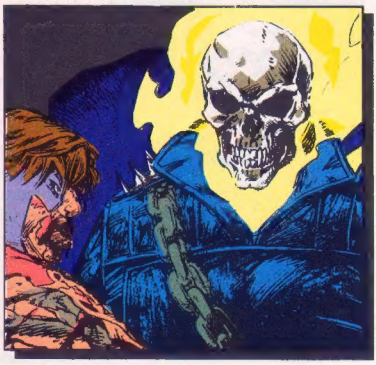
METROPOL #4
Ted McKeever $1.95
The anti-hero Jasper Notochord, having mutated into the entity called Enoch, gathers others like him to form Metropol's team of superhuman guardians, just in time for the opening salvo in the battle between good and evil.

MIGHTY MOUSE #9
$1.00
Gallagher/Colon/Severin
Cover by Steve Lightle
The evil mutant rodent telepath Moustermind has united all of Mouseville against Mighty Mouse. In Part Three of "Bat Bat: Year One," the hero faces the menace of the Smoker. Hahahahahahah, etc.

PUNISHER ANNUAL #4 $2.00
Wright/Hebert
THE STRUCKER GAMBIT - PART TWO
As Nick Fury continues to hunt the genetically-engineered Hydra super assassins, he gets some help from The Punisher.
Concluded next week in *Capt. America Annual #10*.

PUNISHER ARMORY #2 $1.75
Eliot R. Brown
Cover by Jim Lee
It's the official handbook of the Punisher munitions warehouse, part two, as we explore all of the amazing weapons the vigilante hero uses in his war on crime.

QUASAR #23 $1.00
Gruenwald/ Capullo/K. Williams
COSMOS IN COLLISION- PART 5 OF 7
Ghost Rider guest stars, and the now-dead Quasar gets a hand from the Kid Reaper to stop the cosmic assassin from killing Eon.



SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #186
$2.25
Dixon/Carr/Williamson
Conan faces a master wizard who even the legendary King Kull could not kill forever.

SLEEPWALKER #1 $1.00
Budiansky/Blevins
Introducing the creepiest hero in the Marvel Universe as Rick Sheridan's life unravels thanks to the mysterious alien known as the Sleepwalker.

TOXIC AVENGER #3 $1.50
Moench/Ramos/Mayerik
Continuing the threat of the undead health freaks in "Night of the Living Hardbodies, Part Two."

WOLVERINE #40
Hama/Silvestri/Green $1.75
Wolverine vs. Wolverine, with the fate of the Elsie Dee android at stake.

ZORRO #7 (of 12)
Rimmer/Capaldi $1.00
More swashbuckling adventure starring the master of the sword - the Big big "Z" himself.

Titles on sale the third week of April

AVENGERS #333

Hama/Ryan/Palmer $1.00

It's part two of the tale that locks Dr. Doom and the entire Avengers team in fierce combat in the new Avengers Mansion. **Look for the Avengers in *Amazing Spider-Man #348* and *Fantastic Four #353*.**

CAPT. AMERICA ANNUAL #10 $2.00

Chichester/Guice

THE STRUCKER GAMBIT - CONCLUSION

Captain America and Nick Fury catch up with the murderous Hydra assassins and discover a deadly secret agenda behind the entire "Strucker Gambit."

CAR WARRIORS #1 (of 4) $2.25

Dixon/Dillon/Winslade

Based on the exciting ***Car Wars*** role playing game, this post-apocalyptic view would make even Mel Gibson shudder. Also included are new materials for the playing of ***Car Wars***, courtesy of Steve Jackson Games. **EPIC**

CONAN THE BARBARIAN #245 $1.00

Thomas/ Hartle/ DeCarlo

Varnae, the King of the Vampires, last seen in ***Dr. Strange***, leads an attack of the undead on Conan, Zula and Red Sonja.

DAMAGE CONTROL #1 (of 4) $1.25

McDuffie/Baker

Kyle Baker joins Damage Control creator Dwayne McDuffie for the first issue of the third series. Spider-Man, the Hulk and the New Warriors guest-star as the Damage Control team is accused of creating their own disasters to get the job of cleanup afterward.

DEATHLOK SPECIAL #3 (of 4) $2.00

McDuffie & Wright/ Cowan/Magyar

New cover by Denys Cowan

Deathlok learns that his "murdered" human body is still intact and in the hands of Roxxon. Re-presenting the limited series that introduced the living killing machine called Deathlok.

EXCALIBUR #38

Lobdell/Badger $1.75

Doctor Doom continues his bid to gain the power of the Darksword of Limbo, opposed by Excalibur and The Avengers West Coast team. **Shadowcat and Meggan team-up in *Marvel Comics #78* and look for a cameo by Capt. Britain in *Dr. Who #173*.**

G.I. JOE #113 $1.00

Hama/ Statema/Emberlin

As the Joes' War in the Desert continues, the Battle Force 2000 team meets its doom trying to stop Cobra.

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #13 $1.00

Valentino/Valentino/Montano

The Ghost Rider of the 31st century thinks the Guardians are enforcers of the Church of Universal Truth - his mortal enemies.

INCREDIBLE HULK #382 $1.00

David/Keown/Farmer

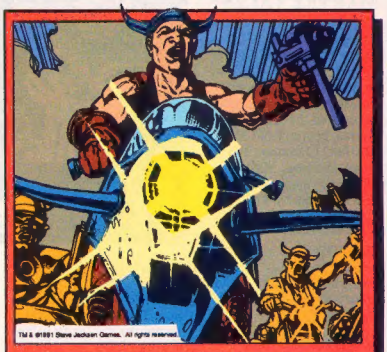
The Hulk must pass his test to become a full-fledged employee of the Pantheon, in the process fighting Pantheon bruiser Ajax.

KNIGHTS OF PENDRAGON #11 $1.95

Abnett & Tomlinson/ Erskine & Hopgood/ Lanning & Georgiou

Cover by Simon Bisley

Iron Man guest-stars as Ben Gallagher uses the power of the grail to save Kate McClellan and Union Jack from the Bane.



Car Wars™

LANSING, MI, APRIL 16, 2038: The famous (and infamous) ***"Car Warriors"*** left Ft. Delorean today on a life-and-death race to bring the famous super-grain "virunella" to Lansing.

Virunella is being taken to Lansing in a group of heavily-armed vehicles to ensure the survival of the entire region. Several major corporations have benefited from the artificially-maintained starvation conditions there since World War III. They will stop at nothing to destroy the virunella.

Chaco Vasquez and the mysterious female driver "Diamond" are odds-on favorites, as are the vicious "Road Hogs.." *None* of the drivers has better than a 50-50 chance of survival.

The ***Car Warriors*** limited series by Chuck Dixon and Steve Dillon, based on the popular ***Car Wars*** role-playing game, will include new, exclusive game materials from Steve Jackson Games.

MARVEL AGE #101 $1.00

The inside scoop on the Mighty World of Marvel, including a preview of the new ***Deathlok*** and columns by Stan Lee and Mark Gruenwald.

MARVEL COMICS #78 $1.25

Cover by Windsor-Smith

1) Weapon X (Part 7 of 13)
Barry Windsor-Smith

The scientist in charge of the Weapon X project fine-tunes his mental control over Wolverine.

2) Iron Man
Murray/Steacy

A new Doug Murray/Ken Steacy Iron Man adventure as a computer virus invades shellhead's armor.

3) Sgt. Fury vs. Dracula
Murray/Lyle/Rubinstein

It's the Howling Commandos and Dracula, allies to save Dracula's gypsy people from the Nazi war machine.

4) Shadowcat & Meggan
Flaxman/Curtis/Ivy

The ***Excalibur*** duo take on some mutant Russian spies.

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More titles on sale the third week of April

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MARVEL TALES #250 $1.50

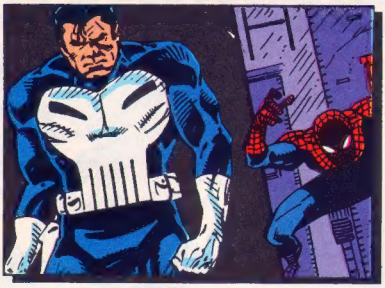
Claremont/Miller/Wiacek
Cover By Marshall Rogers
To celebrate issue #250, we re-present the Spidey and Fantastic Four team-up that introduced the mutant Karma, courtesy of Chris *(X-Men)* Claremont and Frank *(Elektra)* Miller. Originally presented in *Marvel Team-Up #100*.

PUNISHER #49 $1.00

Dixon/Wagner
When The Punisher tries to free a kidnap victim in the snowy wastes, he ends up the hunted.

ROBOCOP #16 $1.50

Furman/Wildman/Candelario
RoboCop is lost between fantasy and reality when he discovers Implant TV, a device that allows TV signals to be beamed right into the brain.



SAMURAI CAT #1 (of 3) $2.25

Macchio/Cirocco/Hummel
Introducing Miaowara Tomokato, the feudal feline warrior created by Mark E. Rogers, in a feline fantasy tale of samurai action. Art by Frank *(Alien Legion)* Cirocco. EPIC

SHIELD #24 $1.50

Murray/Dwyer/Torrance
It's the return of the super hero poker game as Nick Fury, the Thing, Mr. Fantastic and Captain America play for high stakes against the Mandarin.

SPIDER-MAN #11 $1.75

McFarlane[3]
PERCEPTIONS - PART 4 OF 5
Spider-Man and Wolverine team-up to *protect* the flesh-eating creature called the Wendigo

SPIDER-MAN WEDDING TRADE PAPERBACK $12.95

The wedding album to end all wedding albums as we re-live the courtship, wedding and honeymoon of Peter (Spider-Man) Parker and Mary Jane Watson, including the Amazing *Spider-Man* syndicated newspaper strips that told the "alternate version" and an article on the Shea Stadium wedding event.

WHAT IF..? #26 $1.25

Busiek/McDonnel
WHAT IF THE PUNISHER HAD KILLED DAREDEVIL? Daredevil's death at the hands of the vigilante sparks a war of super heroes across New York. Spider-Man, Kingpin and Cloak and Dagger guest star.

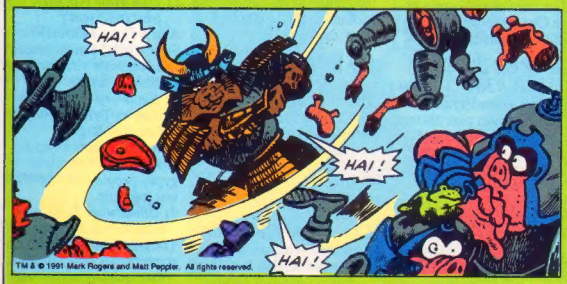
Titles on sale the fourth week of April

Secret *feline* society

CHINA, APRIL 23: Archaeologists have unearthed evidence of a culture of *cats* that dominated this nation centuries ago.

The greatest warrior of the time was Miaowara Tomokato, a martial artist of legendary renown, who sought vengeance upon Fugu Otoko, the Blowfish Who Never Smiles.

Author Ralph Macchio has translated the writings of Mark Rogers. Work by Frank Cirocco, the master illustrator of the period (known for his *Alien Legion*) has also been found on the site.



BARBIE FASHION #6 $1.00

Slate & Trusiani/Cool & Conner/Lucas & Mushynsky
Barbie's life as a fashion model isn't an easy one when a fashion shoot is foiled. BEGINNING THIS ISSUE - fashion designs by *Barbie* readers.

CLOAK AND DAGGER #18 $1.50

Kavanagh/Ross/Williams
Mephisto's plans are revealed to Cloak, Dagger, Spider-Man and the Ghost Rider in the conclusion of the "Eye of Power" adventure.

DOCTOR WHO #173 $3.95

Abnett/Sullivan/Farmer
The Doctor and Ace finally make it to Bonjaxx's party on Maruthea. Cameo appearances by Captain Britain and Death's Head. Can even they control Ace's explosive tendencies?

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More titles on sale the fourth week of April

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FANTASTIC FOUR #353 $1.50

Walt Simonson[3]

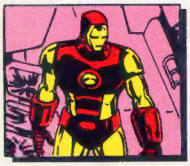
The Avengers guest-star as the secrets of the time-stream are unleashed once and for all.

FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL #20 $2.00

Al Milgrom

THE KORVAC QUEST - PART 1 (OF 4)

The Guardians of the Galaxy journey through time and space to enlist the help of the premiere time travelers - the Fantastic Four. **Continued next week in the *Thor Annual*.**



IRON MAN #268 $1.00

Byrne/Ryan/Wiacek

The Black Widow joins Iron Man for the next story arc involving a Soviet mole in the United States - one whose identity will astound everyone, *especially* the Widow. **Look for Shellhead in *Knights of Pendragon #11*.**

THE LIFE OF GROO GRAPHIC NOVEL $9.95

Evanier/Aragones

You think it was easy to become the most bumbling, most inept, most destructive barbarian in the entire world? Stupidity like this doesn't just happen overnight - it takes years to develop, as we discover in *The Life of Groo*. **EPIC**

MARVEL FANFARE #57 $2.25

Cover by Joe Chiodo

1) Shanna the She-Devil
Gerber/Blevins

The plot thickens in part two of the four-part saga pitting Shanna against The Pride. She must stop their murderous spree, even though everyone thinks it is Shanna who's gone insane.

2) Captain Marvel
Stern & Mantlo/ Freeman/Milgrom

The return of the Avenger called as she renews her mission to fight crime.

3) A Norm Breyfogle Gallery

A collection of Marvel heroes drawn by one of the most popular artists today.

MARVEL REQUIRER #13 FREE!

New, improved and a bargain at twice the price - the secrets behind the May annuals and the new *Deathlok*.

NEW WARRIORS #12 $1.00

Nicieza/Bagley/Mahlstedt

FOREVER YESTERDAY - PART 2 (OF 3)

The Sphinx has altered all of reality so that the New Warriors face the Egyptian versions of The Avengers and The X-Men!

SILVER SURFER #50 $1.50

Starlin/ Lim/ Christopher

The secrets of the Silver Surfer's past burst forth in this special double-size issue leading into *The Infinity Gauntlet*. Watch for the cataclysmic climax as the Surfer enters into hand-to-hand combat with Thanos, who now possesses the power of all of the Soul Gems. **Look for the special silver foil-stamped cover on this milestone!**

SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #177 $1.00

Busiek/Sal Buscema

Part two of a special surprise tale in which a mysterious sickness threatens to kill Mary Jane and much of the city. At the center of the crisis is the villainess known as Corona.

THOR #433 $1.00

DeFalco/ Frenz/ Sinnott

The Thunder God has been banished from the Nine Worlds for all time, so this month meet the *new* Thor!

TRANSFORMERS #79 $1.00

Furman/Wildman/Baskerville

With the Autobots trying to stop the Decepticons from conquering the galaxy, Earth is undefended when four of the most powerful evil Transformers arrive.

Chronicle of legendary ineptitude

OJAI - APRIL 23: Studies of the amazingly stupid have led scientists to the conclusion that absolute brainlessness comes only once in centuries.

The last known example of absolute ineptitude is the famous barbarian warrior *Groo*, whose newly released biography by historians Mark Evanier and Sergio Aragones is considered a benchmark of mindlessness.

The Life of Groo graphic novel traces the development, or lack of same, of Groo as he is born, grows up, sinks ships, fights with his sister Grooella, searches for cheese dip, and tries to learn the meaning of such everyday concepts as mulch and mendicants.

Students of the works of Aragones will recognize his works from *Mad Magazine*, and from his earlier collaborations with Evanier in ***The Death of Groo*** and ***The Groo Adventurer,*** among others.

X-FACTOR #67 $1.00

Claremont with Lee/ Portacio/Thibert

The battle with Apocalypse and his mutates takes X-Factor to Egypt, then to the mysterious Blue Area of the Moon.

X-MEN CLASSIC #60 $1.25

Claremont/Cockrum/Rubinstein

Cover by Mike Mignola

The X-Men and the Starjammers are drawn into the fray as Llandra's battle with Deathbird reaches the Earth. Plus, startling revelations concerning the death of Cyclops and Havok's mother. From *Uncanny X-Men #156*.

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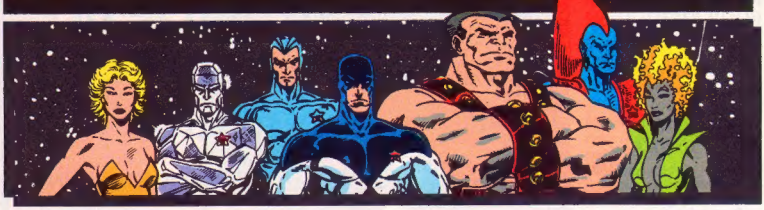

CONAN SAGA #51 $2.25

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Forward to the Past

NEW YORK, APRIL 23: The Fantastic Four today vanished with a mysterious group of super beings known as "The Guardians of the Galaxy."

According to an anonymous source at Four Freedoms Plaza, their stated goal is to locate an immense source of power called "Korvac," to return that power to the dreaded Galactus.

Sources at the Pentagon had no comment on the possible return of the planet-eating alien.

The Guardians are also rumored to be seeking the aid of Thor "sometime decades from now" and of the Silver Surfer.

Details will be posted weekly in the ***Fantastic Four, Thor, Silver Surfer*** and ***Guardians of the Galaxy*** annuals.